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## CHICO INSIDER NEWS UPDATES

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# Back to School!



**New Traffic Light and Pedestrian  
Crosswalk on Esplanade  
@ Chico High School**

**Use Caution - Stay Alert**



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### New Traffic Signal & Crosswalk Installed Near Chico High

The City of Chico has completed a major safety upgrade for students and pedestrians along the Esplanade. A new traffic signal and pedestrian crosswalk have been installed directly in front of Chico High School, replacing the older flashing-beacon crosswalk at W. Sacramento Avenue.

This improvement comes in response to safety concerns on this busy corridor and is designed to provide greater protection for pedestrians. The signal stays green

for drivers until activated by a pedestrian and features ADA-compliant audible and tactile signals for individuals with visual impairments.

“With the new school year about to start, we want everyone – students, parents, and drivers – to be aware of this change,” said Brendan Ottoboni, City of Chico Public Works - Engineering Director. “A traffic signal-controlled crosswalk provides more protection than flashing beacons, and we believe it will make this busy area much safer.”

The City has worked closely with Chico Unified School District and Chico State to inform the community and will monitor the signal’s performance, making adjustments if needed. Drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians are encouraged to stay alert as everyone becomes familiar with the new setup.

[Traffic Signal Info](#)

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## Pioneer Community Energy Coming to Chico in 2027



Chico is making moves toward energy choice! Pioneer Community Energy—a not-for-profit provider offering competitive rates and renewable options—will begin serving Chico in 2027.

[Learn More](#)

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## City of Chico Breaks Ground on Fiber Network

North Valley Fiber is officially underway! This city-owned utility will deliver blazing fast internet to underserved areas, helping close the digital divide



The City of Chico is proud to celebrate the groundbreaking of North Valley Fiber, the city-owned municipal utility that marks a bold step toward a more connected future. For more information, visit [www.northvalleyfiber.com](http://www.northvalleyfiber.com)



and power Chico's future.

Construction started in the Chapman neighborhood. First connections expected October 2025.

Learn more at the link below.

[Details at NorthValleyFiber.com](http://NorthValleyFiber.com)



## Chico Housing Update

Following the 2018 Camp Fire, Chico received \$32.5M in CDBG-DR funding to support affordable housing. Here are some updates on the three community housing projects that are now underway.

### Bar Triangle Apartments – 2225 Bar Triangle

- 70 units (1–3 bedrooms) + community building & tot-lot
- 90% complete, estimated opening Jan 2026
- Developer: Affordable Housing Development Corp
- Leasing info: [livebartriangle.com](http://livebartriangle.com)

### Cussick Family Apartments (Pictured Above) – 616 W. East Ave.

- 75 units (1–4 bedrooms) + on-site childcare, pool, garden, dog park
- Currently leasing
- Developer: Danco Communities
- Info: [danco-group.com](http://danco-group.com) | 707-362-7889

### Oleander Community Housing – 2324 Esplanade

- 38 supportive housing units (studios & 1BR) for formerly homeless w/ mental illness
- Includes gardens, community spaces, dog park
- Developer: The Pacific Companies
- Info: [jsco.net](http://jsco.net)

These projects expand Chico's housing options and support recovery from the Camp Fire's lasting impacts. There is more information about housing at the link below.





From the Chico Police  
**E-Bikes vs. E-Motorcycles: Know the Law**

Some electric bikes aren't bikes at all—they're motorcycles. If your child rides one, here's what California law requires:

- ✓ M1 license, registration, insurance, helmet & lights
- ✓ Must be 16+ years old
- ✓ Know your machine. Stay safe.

[Resources for parents](#)  
[CHP safety info](#)



# JOIN US!

## TAKE OFF, CHICO!

**OCTOBER 18, 2025**  
**THE AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE**

**DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FOOD & CRAFT VENDORS**  
**AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS**  
**FLIGHT DEMOS & RIDES**  
**COMMUNITY EXHIBITORS**  
**PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES**  
**CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES**

**CHICO REGIONAL AIRPORT**  
**2PM - 7PM**  
150 AIR PARK BLVD  
CHICO, CA 95973

**FREE ADMISSION**  
LEARN MORE AT [TAKEOFFCHICO.COM](https://takeoffchico.com)



Visit Take Off Chico

### "Power Up Public Art" Utility Box Installation Continues

The City of Chico and the City of Chico Arts Commission are excited to announce the installation of 7 out of 15 pieces of artwork in the Power Up Public Art Utility Box Program.

You can check out the completed boxes at the following locations:

- 6th Street & Main (Box 2) – Sponsored by Explore Butte County-Artist - Penny

Poole Oster

- 4th Street & Main (Box 4) - Sponsored by Explore Butte County – Artist - Lauren Meichtry
- 2nd Street & Main (Box 6) – Sponsored by DRM Photography – Artist - Donald McGee
- 1st Street & Broadway (Box 8) – Sponsored by MONCA - Artist - Tim B. Moore
- 4th Street & Broadway (Box 12) - Sponsored by Hotel Diamond – Artist - Athena Scholm
- 5th Street & Broadway (Box 13) - Sponsored by Chico Art Center – Artist - Jesse Jentzen
- 7th Street & Broadway (Box 15) – Sponsored by Shuberts – Artist – Lee Wright



Those interested in sponsoring a utility box are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 530-896-7250 for more information. For updates on the program and to view selected artworks, please visit the website or click the link below.

[Learn More](#)

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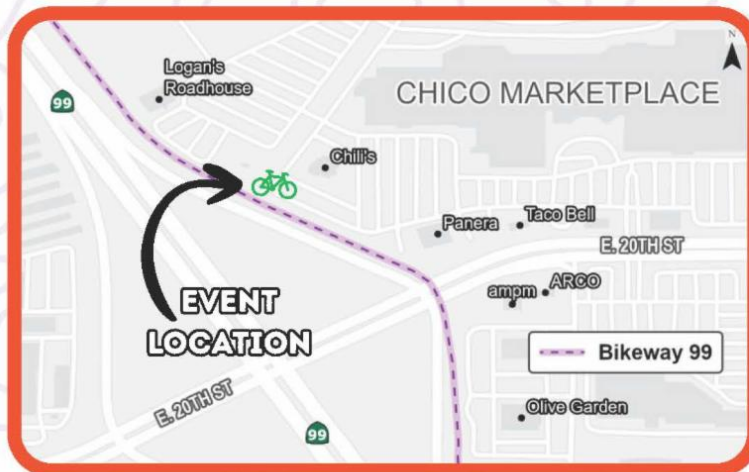
# BIKEWAY 99 BRIDGE



**THE CITY OF CHICO INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN  
RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLETION OF BIKEWAY 99**

**Enjoy light refreshments while listening to key remarks  
from City officials. Bring your kids, family, and friends  
for a celebratory walk or ride over the bridge!**

**SEPTEMBER 24 | 6:30PM | CHICO MARKETPLACE NEAR CHILI'S**



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